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DEMOCRATIC IN POLITICS.

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\* **DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.** \*  
\* (Adopted by the Roswell City \*  
\* Convention, Mar. 17, 1906.) \*  
\* Be it resolved by this con- \*  
\* vention that the Democratic \*  
\* party of Roswell acknowledges \*  
\* its responsibility and is proud \*  
\* of the record made during the \*  
\* past two years; and further \*  
\* that we declare ourselves in \*  
\* favor of a continuation of the \*  
\* present progressive policy in \*  
\* the conduct of municipal af- \*  
\* fairs; that we favor the pres- \*  
\* ent high license on saloons, \*  
\* the suppression of gambling, \*  
\* the tiling of the irrigation \*  
\* ditches, extension of side- \*  
\* walks, grading of streets, and \*  
\* all efforts tending to make a \*  
\* cleaner and better city of \*  
\* Roswell. \*  
\* Second, That we are in fa- \*  
\* vor of municipal ownership of \*  
\* all public utilities, whenever it \*  
\* is the wish of a majority of \*  
\* the people of the city so to \*  
\* own the same, and therefore, \*  
\* we are in favor of all future \*  
\* franchises containing a provi- \*  
\* sion whereby the city within \*  
\* a reasonable time may acquire \*  
\* such franchises upon fair and \*  
\* just terms to the owners \*  
\* thereof. \*  
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\* **POLITICS.** \*  
\* (By "Parson" Puckett.) \*  
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The "Parson" is a Democrat, hence can say just what he pleases about politics. Democrats do not receive their political opinions ready-made from committees, office-hunters or anybody else.

The people are interested in results after election more than they are in the men who hold the offices. No matter how loudly a man may profess this, that or the other, people know more about him than his talk, and it is his reputation for honor and integrity they consider rather than his professions of party loyalty. A man may be ever so faithful a follower of the band wagon, but if he is known to lack stability of character, to be "shifty," to neglect his own business, people have no faith in him.

The fellow who is always on dress parade may attract the attention of idlers, but busy men will not waste the time to publicly express their opinions of him. They simply do not consider him at all, preferring to employ men who attend strictly to business, take part in the actual work of their party, have a good record and make no pretensions.

Politics, or rather office-hunting, has probably ruined more grown men than whiskey and gambling combined.

The Record understands that the Republicans are preparing to make a hard fight against the waterworks and gas franchises, and to stir up trouble in matters relating to the public schools for the purpose of creating dissension in the Democratic ranks to be used for the advantage of the Republicans in the county campaign. They will keep still until after the city election, then issue a daily paper for ten days to fight the waterworks proposition to be voted upon at a special election. This may all be for the best, however, as it will cause a general discussion of the proposed franchises and enable the people to decide on their merits. The Record is not committed to these franchises if they be unjust or unfair, but believes the city council thoroughly investigated the various provisions of the same before taking action, and has been somewhat inclined to accept their decision. The people, however, are entitled to a fuller explanation before voting, and the Record stands ready to assist in arriving at a verdict. Communications are invited.

The Optic is informed definitely

that Captain W. C. Reid of Roswell has been offered the appointment of attorney general by Governor Hagerman. This will be pleasing news for Las Vegans, among whom Captain Reid made his home for a number of years. The gentleman is in every way fitted for the honorable and important position. He is able, honest, a trained and capable lawyer and a courteous and popular gentleman. The Optic joins Las Vegas friends in tendering congratulations.—Las Vegas Daily Optic.

Governor Hagerman has appointed Captain Arthur Trelford of Leavenworth, Kansas, superintendent of the New Mexico penitentiary to take the place of H. O. Bursum, whose resignation has been tendered, by request. Conditions must be worse in the Republican party of the Territory than even a Democrat could have believed. The Governor evidently had to go outside of the Territory to find a suitable man. Perhaps, however, he may have desired to secure a man who would not allow members of the old gang to escape after the real house cleaning begins.

The Territorial grand jury at Santa Fe has returned indictments against J. H. McCutcheon, editor of the Industrial Advertiser, and D. A. McPherson, president of the Albuquerque Daily Journal Company, charging both with criminal libel of Territorial Secretary Reynolds. Both newspaper men say they will prove what they have printed in regard to the official sheep ranch and the pardoning of criminals for political and pecuniary reasons.

The Register-Tribune pretends to see in the recent city convention a terrific disruption of the Democratic party. Nothing of the kind. The Democratic party stands on the platform of its two years record in the administration of the city's affairs, and Mayor Stockard will keep the improved auto band wagon right in the middle of the main traveled road.

A St. Louis Republic correspondent says that the young ladies of Santa Fe are setting their caps for the rich young governor of New Mexico. It will be just like the new governor, however, to go entirely outside the Territory and select a wife whose relatives are under no obligation to the old gang.

Judge Bateman's plan of conducting primaries would stop the voting of men in bunches. It would also have a tendency to keep men sober. The

man incapable, through either ignorance or drunkenness, would have little to say as to the result of the primaries.

There is a rumor afloat that Tobe Oden will again become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff. His friends say that he did not get a square deal two years ago, and that the pack should be shuffled again.

The Record has not yet asked Judge Richardson what he thought of the Democratic ticket, but we have noted a smile upon his countenance that makes all questions unnecessary.

We have twinges of conscience once in awhile and are moved to preach a little even in the midst of a campaign, but on the whole we consider party politics just as necessary as church organizations.

Governor Hagerman again strongly emphasizes his independence of the Territorial Republican organization by going outside of the Territory for a superintendent of the penitentiary.

It is just like the tariff. It is true that the gambler pays a license and provides the game, but the man who tries to beat him at his own game finally pays the whole thing.

The gambler is not really a much worse man than the fellow who plays in front of the game—but it would be better for both to earn their money at some other calling.

A majority of the Democrats in Roswell did not attend the primaries. Well, that was their own fault. May be there is something in a primary pledge after all.

The statehood bill has been dead for some time so far as New Mexico and Arizona are concerned,—but it is cruel to bury Oklahoma and Indian Territory alive.

The turning down of any one politician or set of leaders does not hurt a party that still stands for good principles.

There will be still plenty of good men to fill all the offices in Roswell and Chaves county a hundred years from now.

The Optic is urging the nomination of a non-partisan city ticket for Las Vegas.

It is not men or leaders, but Democracy that counts.

### PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

A Few Suggestions on Securing Fair and Honest Nominations.

Editor Record:—As the Democratic party will shortly make nominations for the different county officers, it becomes necessary to determine whether such nominations should be made by convention or by primary election.

For many years I have been opposed to the making of nominations for county officers by conventions. I am

still opposed to that method of making nominations; and am not only in favor of making such nominations by primary election, but am in favor of holding primary elections in each ward of the City of Roswell whenever the party makes nominations for city officers. Space will not permit of a full discussion of the subject; and it seems to me that it is perfectly evident that political manipulators too often control and run conventions and thwart the wish and desire of a majority of the democracy. Therefore, conventions should not be used. By adopting the primary election system, the power of the political manipulator is minimized and the right of the masses of the people freely and untrammelled to express their preferences is preserved and guaranteed.

Assuming that nominations will be made by primaries, it then becomes important to determine when and under what rules the same will be held. Sufficient time should be given the voters of the county to discuss the merits and claims of each aspirant, and the mode of holding the primaries should be such as to guarantee to each legal voter the right uninfluenced to cast his ballot for his choice. The dignity of the party and the general good of the people demand that the rules governing the primaries should be such as to eliminate all unfairness and things sometimes occurring to the discredit of the organization. The rule should be such as to make it impossible to vote drunken men, and also to make it impossible for anyone to gather a number of persons together and vote them in a bunch. To obviate the undesirable features above recited, as well as others not mentioned, what is known as the Australian ballot system should be adopted. The officers of the democratic party holding the respective precinct elections should have only one form of ballot with all of the names of the candidates thereon, and this ballot should be given to the voters as they vote. At the time of the delivery thereof, it should be stamped with some uniform stamp adopted for that purpose, but not in such a manner as to disclose the identity of the voter voting the same. The voter, upon receiving this ballot, should be required to retire to a booth distant from and yet in view of the officers, where the voter alone must make out his ballot and then deliver it to the officers. If any voter should not be able to read, or from any other cause unable to make out his ballot, and desires some one to assist him in so doing, then some fair and competent person should be furnished by the officers to assist him to the extent simply of reading the entire ballot to him, reading the names of the different candidates and the offices of which they are candidates and simply asking him if he desires to vote for either or for any of such candidates, and after the ballot shall have been so prepared the same shall be delivered to the voter, who shall give it to the officer. Opposing candidates should be

given the right to see that this rule is fairly yet firmly and strictly enforced.

The democracy of Eddy county, when it was first organized, adopted the Australian ballot system, and found it to be satisfactory. A meeting of the democrats held at the court house in this county two years ago, before nominations were made, I suggested the propriety of adopting the Australian ballot system and still make the same suggestion and hope that the Central Committee will see fit after consulting with democrats generally to adopt that mode of holding primary elections.

U. S. BATEMAN.

### Improvements at Urton.

Mr. Harrold has a force of men and several teams at the new town of Urton. He has commenced plowing the park, planting trees and grass and grading the streets. This will make a big improvement in the new town.

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\* **IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.** \*  
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The ladies' Bridge Whist Club held another session with their husbands and gentlemen friends last night. Mrs. Morris Price being hostess. The usual evening of pleasure was spent, after which a most delicious luncheon was served. Punch was served all during the evening. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Will Prager, Sidney Prager, Nathan Jaffa, Harry Jaffa, J. W. Wilson, W. G. Hamilton, Price; Mesdames Keebler, Carson, Potter, McIntire; Miss Ella Prager, Messrs. Martini, McGaffey and Cahoon.

The Newlyweds, a recently organized bridge whist club, held a pleasant session last evening with Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Randolph, appropriate refreshments following the games. The regular membership was in attendance.

George Duket, of the Cherokee Nation, and S. B. Tramel and F. M. Dawdy, of Chanute, Kan., who have been here prospecting, left last night for points south. Mr. Dawdy is the gentleman who recently bought the H. R. Morrow tract of 16 3/4 acres northeast of town for \$8,000. He will make Roswell his home.

### Prospecting Party to Urton.

A small party of prospectors from Roswell and Artesia will go to the new town of Urton Sunday morning. E. A. Clayton will lead the party and they will remain a day or two to look the country over.

### Seeking Postoffice.

A petition is being circulated by Mrs. Graham at Urton asking the department to appoint her as postmistress of the new town. Mrs. Graham formerly resided in Roswell.

Miss Pauline Lumpkin returned Wednesday night from Pittsburg, Pa., and the East, where she has been visiting for five months.

# OUR GREAT

# Carpet Sale

Commences Monday Morning at 8 O'clock and Will Continue For One Week

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